

MEDICAGO LUPULINA. (Fabaceae.) 31395. Seeds of black medick from Foochow, China. Presented by Mr. T. M. Wilkinson. "A plant with low growing stems, inclined to lie along the ground and take root at the joints. Starts in new places like white clover. Leaf about the size of white clover. Blossom yellow." (Wilkinson.) For distribution later.

MEDICAGO SP. (Fabaceae.) 31467. Seeds of alfalfa from Quetta, India. Secured by Mr. F. Booth Tucker, The Salvation Army, Simla, India, from Mr. G. H. Frost, Sub-conductor, Office of Military Farm, Quetta. For distribution later.

MEDICAGO SP. (Fabaceae.) 31465. Seeds of alfalfa from Jeolikote, United Provinces, India. Presented by Mr. Norman Gill, Superintendent, Kumaun Government Gardens, Douglas Dale, at the request of Rev. N. L. Rockey, Gonda, United Provinces. For distribution later.

MECONOPSIS SIMPLICIFOLIA. (Papaveraceae.) 31025. Seeds from St. Petersburg Botanical Garden. Presented by the Director. "A perennial herb with large blue-purple flowers found on the subalpine slopes of the Himalayas at an elevation of 12000 to 14000 feet, in Nepal and Sikkim in northern India." (Skeels.) Introduced with others of the genus for trial, in the hope of finding a thoroughly hardy blue poppy, and also for possible use in breeding work with the hardier poppies already in cultivation. For distribution later.

PERSEA AMERICANA. (Lauraceae.) 31381. Seeds of avocado from Mexico. Secured on the market at Laredo, Texas, by Mr. David Griffiths, of this Bureau. "A Mexican avocado. Only one of the kind found. Brown-black in color. The outer skin, hard, rather brittle, and easily peeled off from the edible flesh. Flavor good, flesh firm." (Griffiths.) For distribution later.

PHELLODENDRON SACHALINENSE. (Rutaceae.) 30864. Seeds from Sapporo, Japan, Presented by Prof. T. Minami, Botanic Garden. "Of the three species of this genus established in the Arboretum, Phellodendron sachalinense is the handsomest. All the species are natives of eastern Asia, and are small trees with pinnate leaves, small clusters of inconspicuous yellow flowers, the male and female flowers being produced on different individuals, and black berry-like fruits; they have bright yellow wood and roots, and all parts of these trees are permeated with a fragrant aromatic oil which apparently makes them immune from the attacks of insects. P. sachalinense, which is a native of Saghalin and the northern island of Japan, has grown in the Arboretum into a tree about thirty